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In re Patent Application of:

Van-Khoi Vu

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For: PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CRUDE OIL, PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION OF A WATER-IN-OIL HYDROCARBON EMULSION AND

APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE

SAME

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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